

10 Ways to Prevent

Graffiti

1. Get Educated. Learn about graffiti, how it impacts your community, and who is responsible for graffiti prevention and clean-up in San Antonio by contacting (210)207-BUFF or by logging on to www.sanantonio.gov/dsd

2. Report graffiti to the appropriate authorities. Contact 311 if graffiti act has already been committed, 911 if graffiti act is in the process of happening.

3. Volunteer. Supply kits are available at your local city council field office. Call 311 for a location near you.

4. Get free paint through the City's Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Contact 311 for more information.

5. Coordinate a graffiti awareness campaign at your school or in the community. Contact: (210)207-BUFF.

6. Grow Over Graffiti by planting trees or other greenery next to a graffiti-plagued wall.

7. Organize a crime prevention group such as Cellular on Patrol (COP). Contact SAPD's SAFE Officers:

Central 207-7413
East 207-7566
North 207-8350
Prue 207-7169
South 207-8964
West 207-7421



8. Install lighting in areas that are dark and often graffitied.

9. Donate paint, brushes, rollers and other materials to the Graffiti Abatement Program. Contact: (210)207-BUFF.

10. Remove graffiti within 24-48 hours to protect your property and preserve the image of your neighborhood.

Properly Report Graffiti

Graffiti in progress.....Call 911

Graffiti on **public property** (drainage channels, curbs, sidewalks, retaining walls, traffic control boxes, signs and parks)..... Call 311

AT&T (cabinets, huts and pedestals).....(800)246-8464

Clear Channel*
(Billboards).....(210)227-3451

CPS Energy (utility poles, transformers, etc).....(210)353-2222

Grande Communications
(cabinets).....(210)320-4600

San Antonio Water System (recycled water tanks/treatment plants, pump/lift stations)... (210)704-SAWS

Texas Department of Transportation* (highway signs, underpasses, etc).....(210)623-4431

Time Warner (box's, pedestals and buildings)..... (210)244-0500

Union Pacific* (railroad-related infrastructure).....1(888)877-7267

VIA Metropolitan Transit* (bus shelters, benches, signs and VIA vehicles).....(210)362-2020

Unsure?.....(210)207-BUFF
Graffiti Terminology "Buff" - to remove painted graffiti with chemicals and other instruments, or to paint over it with a flat color.

Pursuant to Ordinance 2007-05-03-0480
*Exempt entities, participation is voluntary



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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Report graffiti using the free downloadable app "San Antonio 311" available on your Android or iPhone.



Grow Over Graffiti

Grow over graffiti by planting trees or other greenery next to a graffiti-plagued wall.

Recommended Trees:

- Ashe Juniper
- Texas Mountain Laurel
- Mexican Wild Olive
- Condalia
- Rough-leaf Dogwood
- Texas Persimmon
- Texas/Mexican Redbud
- Anacacho Orchid Tree
- Goldenball Leadtree
- Mexican Plum
- Retama
- Roemer's Acacia
- Huisache
- Texas Ebony
- Western Soapberry
- Desert Willow
- Chilean Mesquite

Recommended Shrubs:

- Silk Tassle
- Wax Myrtle
- Elbow Bush
- Texas Kidneywood
- Agarita
- Flameleaf Sumac
- Evergreen Sumac
- Fragrant Sumac
- Whitebrush
- Texas Honeysuckle
- Desert Yaupon
- Spiny Hackberry
- Hoptree
- Coralbean
- Mexican Buckeye
- Rusty Blackhaw
- Esperanza
- Cenizo
- Guayacan
- Yaupon Holly
- Possumhaw Holly
- Barbados Cherry
- Climbing Rose
- Bouganvillea

Recommended Vines:

- Virginia Creeper
- Crossvine
- Trumpet Creeper
- Purple Leatherflower
- Passion Vine
- Scarlet Leatherflower
- Peppervine
- Briars
- Snailseed Vine
- Poison Ivy/Oak
- Morning Glory

Recommended Cacti/Succulents:

- Yucca
- Sotol
- Prickly Pear
- Tasajillo
- Agave

Call 1(800)DIG-TESS before you dig!
www.alamoforestpartnership.org

Volunteer to Wipeout Graffiti



"Painting over graffiti is more fun than playing video games!" exclaimed a 9 year old at the annual Graffiti Wipeout.

Graffiti costs Americans more than \$8 billion per year. It hurts property values, drives away business, and sends the message that nobody cares about the community. Graffiti is everybody's problem. Volunteer to wipe it out!

Community Volunteer Program: Individuals can pick up a supply kit, free of charge, from their respective city council district field office. Kits include 1 gallon of recycled paint, wipes for smooth surfaces, roller, brush, safety vest and goggles. After 10 hours of graffiti abatement, participants will have the opportunity to attend a training session to borrow a mobile pressure washer, paint sprayer or a City vehicle equipped with supplies.

Mini-Graffiti Wipeout: Scheduled for groups of at least 10 volunteers. Paint, supplies and a location are provided for the 1-2 hour clean-ups. Community service hour certificates are also available.



Adopt-A-Dumpster: Looking for an opportunity to improve your neighborhood, while helping the business community? A partnership with Waste Management (WM) provides free green paint to volunteers interested in abating graffiti on WM dumpsters. More information can be found online at www.sanantonio.gov/dsd.



Adopt-A-Park: A one-year commitment may include: graffiti removal, litter pick-up, small-scale gardening and landscaping, sweeping walkways, painting and tree planting and stewardship. To sign-up, please contact Parks and Recreation, (210)207-8603.

Adopt-A-Bus Shelter: Contact VIA Metropolitan Transit, (210)362-2370, to locate a bus shelter in an area near you. Adopter's will be asked to assist in the removal of debris weekly, report the need for repairs or graffiti removal, and to report the need for security.